Weaving department of the Central Jail.

87 *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how much cloth was produced by the convicts engaged in weaving in the Central Jail in 1119 and in 1120;

(*b*) who is in charge of the weaving department of the Central Jail;

(*c*) how is the cloth produced disposed of;

(*d*) the amount realised in 1119 and in 1120 by the sale of cloth produced; and

(*e*) whether convicts are given night work in the weaving department?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) Cloth to the value of Rs. 70,565 was produced in 1119 and cloth to the value of Rs. 47,915 up to Mithunam this year (1120).

(*b*) The Deputy Jailor, Manufactory.

(*c*) Government Departments including hospitals are supplied with textile goods from the Prison. Goods remaining over after such supplies are sold to the public.

(*d*) Rs. 62,386 in 1119 and Rs. 46,950 up to Mithunam in 1120.

(*e*) No.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know from the honourable member whether the weaving department of the Central Jail is not working at a loss?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: No. It is running at a profit.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: I find from the answers that cloth to the value of Rs. 70,565 was manufactured and that the amount realised by the sale of the cloth was Rs. 62,386. Is not the department, therefore, working at a loss?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: That does not mean that there is no stock in hand.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the unsold cloth is kept in the Central Jail?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Certainly, Sir.

MR. WARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know the number employed in the work?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: About 100 convicts.

MR. WARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether it is not possible to increase the scope of the department by increasing the number of looms?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Provided there are more convicts available for work. (*Laughter.*)

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MR. A. K. BHASKAR (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*) : Will the Government be pleased to make this cloth available to the public? There is a great demand.

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : It is being sold to the public also.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : What is the stock in hand?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : That information can be called for.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU : May I know whether there is not any demand for the textiles produced in the Central Jail for the use of the Jail Department?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : It is only after the primary needs of the Jail are met the textiles are sold to the other Departments.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU : May I know the Departments which have secured these textiles other than the Jail Department?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : The particulars of departments served and cash sales effected are as follows :—

		Rs.	Ch.	C.
1.	Cash sales..	11,032	6,	10
2.	Treasuries.	430	18	14
3.	Huzur Cutcherry.	1,592	7	4
4.	State Forces.	116	13	2
5.	Jail Department.	8,403	23	1
6.	Medical Department.	28,748	25	15
7.	Public Works Department.	2,717	2	7
8.	Police Department.	9,853	7	1
9.	Other Departments.	7,756	4	0
	Total	70,650	24	6

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU : May I know how you explain the surplus receipts?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : There is no surplus at all.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : Regarding the stock of textiles at present, when can I get the information?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : As soon as the information is obtained from the Jail Department.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I know when can the information be obtained from the Jail Department?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : Within three days.

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